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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1156
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Gatlinburg City Manager, Cindy Cameron Ogle, upon her receipt of the City Manager of the Year Award from the Tennessee City Management Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Gatlinburg City Manger, Cindy Cameron Ogle, is one such venerable citizen who is richly deserving of this body's commendation; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her innovative and effective leadership, Ms. Ogle was recently honored with the City Manager of the Year Award from the Tennessee City Management Association (TCMA) at the annual conference of the Tennessee Municipal League; and

WHEREAS, the award is presented annually each year by TCMA to recognize Tennessee managers, administrators, or assistants who have made exceptional contributions to their profession; and

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WHEREAS, TCMA President and Bristol City Manager, Bill Magoon, stated of Cindy Cameron Ogle, "...she has skillfully guided the City through an unprecedented period of growth. Her list of accomplishments are many and highlight her enthusiasm and commitment to professional management"; and

WHEREAS, a sterling scholar, Ms. Ogle graduated in the top ten of her Senior Class at South High School in Knoxville; she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Services from the University of Tennessee, where she graduated with honors, and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, she is a highly-regarded alumna of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority with the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Cameron Ogle served with utmost distinction as a Substitute Teacher with the Knox County School System from 1973 to 1974; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ogle was appointed to the position of Secretary and Receptionist for Congressman John J. Duncan of the 2nd District of Tennessee in Washington, D.C. in 1974; in this vital position, she diligently scheduled all appointments for Congressman Duncan, received calls and visitors into the office, and handled employment recommendations for constituents; and

WHEREAS, from 1975 to 1976, she astutely served as the State Training Officer for the Department of Head Start Training at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; as the State Training Officer, she provided vital training for two state programs and was responsible for the provision of social services training to all state-wide programs; and

WHEREAS, from January of 1978 to May of 1978, Cindy Cameron Ogle served as an intern with the Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Charter Commission; while serving at the commission, she conscientiously drafted charter language, developed a county-wide public meeting process, communicated with commission members and the press, and participated in general research for the development of the charter; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ogle began her admirable service with the City of Gatlinburg as an Assistant City Manager in 1978; in this capacity, she assisted the City Manager in general administrative responsibilities, served as the grants coordinator, and directed supervision of the Department of Community Activities; and

WHEREAS, she accepted the Gatlinburg City Manager's position in 1988 and throughout her tenure, she has developed programs and implemented projects that have improved the functions of Gatlinburg's city government, positively contributing to the overall quality of life of the citizens of her community; and

WHEREAS, during her nearly fourteen years of illustrious service as City Manager of Gatlinburg, Cindy Cameron Ogle has been a positive force for change and growth; she has implemented a Capitol Improvement Program, a Gatlinburg Task Force Plan, which, comprising local citizens and City Staff, develops methods for future growth, a Strategic Management Plan, which, in concert with the Municipal Technical Advisory Service, establishes goals and objectives for the various departments of the city, and an Employee Recognition Board Program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ogle has been involved in several successful tourism development projects, including the Smoky Mountain Lights Program, which is a joint effort between the Cities of Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, and Sevierville, the Riverwalk/Underground Utilities Project, the Parkway Widening Project, and the McMahan and Aquarium Parking Garages; and

WHEREAS, she was also instrumental in the recruitment of the Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies, one of the largest and most visited tourist attractions in the country; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed member of her community and profession, Cindy Cameron Ogle is a past Vice-President and member of the International City Management Association, member of the Planning Committee for the 1982 International City Management Association Conference, past President and member of the Board of Directors for the Tennessee City Management Association, member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Municipal

League, member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management Insurance Pool, past Chairperson and member of the Sevier County Solid Waste Board, past Chairperson and member of the Sevier County Water Board, past Chairperson and member of the Sevier County Transportation Board, past member of the Board of Directors of Overlook Mental Health Center, past member of the Board of Directors of Alternative Care Enterprises, past member of the Gatlinburg Rotary Club, and member of the Gatlinburg Gateway Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ogle is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of this General Assembly to acknowledge and applaud Cindy Cameron Ogle for her unparalleled service as the Gatlinburg City Manager; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Cindy Cameron Ogle for her meritorious service as the Gatlinburg City Manager, salute her stalwart commitment to the commitment to the community and its citizenry, congratulate her on her receipt of the Tennessee City Management Association's City Manager of the Year Award, and extend to her our sincere best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.